GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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LOI HOLDERS
Singh Shri Uday

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sites cleared by respective District Magistrates have been taken on lease by BPCL from pending LOI holders for the installation of their retail outlets during the last two years state-wise and district-wise;

(b) whether the retail outlets on such sites have been installed on all sites;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay; and

(d) by what time the retail outlets on all these sites would be commissioned?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a)&(b): Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has reported that the number of sites cleared by District Magistrates (DM) and taken on lease by the Corporation for installation of retail outlets (RO) during the last two years is 736, out of which 641 ROs have been commissioned so far.

(c)&(d): BPCL has also reported that after obtaining the approval of DMs, Explosives License, and in some cases, approval from National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) have to be obtained before construction work for the RO can start. The Corporation is expecting to commission the remaining 95 proposed ROs by December, 2007.